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1. CHAIRMAN HUA PAID A BRIEF FIVE-HOUR VISIT TO ZAGREB
AUGUST 25. HIS PROGRAM INCLUDED A FACTORY VISIT
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(RADE KONCAR, THE LARGEST YUGOSLAV MANUFACTURER OF HEAVY
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT) AND A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY JAKOV
BLAZEVIC, PRESIDENT OF CROATIAN PRESIDENCY.

2. IN CONTRAST TO MOST RECENT TITO VISIT TO ZAGREB
LAST FALL, HUA VISIT WAS TREATED IN RELATIVELY CASUAL,
LOW-KEY FASHION. THOUGH THE AUTHORITIES HAD DECORATED

THE STREETS AND SHOP WINDOWS WITH FLAGS AND SLOGANS, TURNOUT OF ZAGREB CITIZENS ALONG THE STREETS WAS FAR LESS THAN THE 200,000 OFFICIALLY PREDICTED, AND CERTAINLY WELL UNDER HALF THE NUMBERS THAT GREETED TITO LAST YEAR. CROWDS WERE GOOD-HUMORED AND PATIENT, POLITELY APPLAUDING HUA, WHO DROVE PAST IN A CLOSED CAR SOME FORTY-FIVE MINUTES BEHIND SCHEDULE. SECURITY WAS RELATIVELY RELAXED. HUA'S MOTORCADE ENDED UP IN THE MAIN SQUARE OF THE OLD CITY WHICH, IN STRANGE CONTRAST TO THE REST OF HIS ROUTE, WAS VIRTUALLY EMPTY OF PEOPLE EXCEPT FOR A SMALL KNOT OF WELCOMING CROATIAN OFFICIALS HEADED BY BLAZEVIC, AND A DOZEN OR SO FOLK DANCERS IN TRADITIONAL CROATIAN PEASANT COSTUME PER-SPIRING IN THE NOONTIME HEAT.

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